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Re: Interstate Common Line Support

Annual Certification Filing CC Docket No. 96-45

This is to certify that Empire Telephone Corp. will use its *Interstate Common Line Support* only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is for the study area(s) listed below:

Company Name	State	Study Area Code
Empire Telephone Corp.	NY	0093

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(If necessary, attach a separate list of additional s	study areas and Date: <u>4/27/</u> 0		
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